



NYC Metro RID Board Meeting Agenda

March 19th, 2008

Attended by: Celeste Owens, Meri Sulcer, Lu Massaro, Cathy Markland, Maria Micioni, Kat Dudina, Rebecca Friedman, Drew Sachs

Meeting called to order at 6:05

1. Announcements:

- a. Newsletter – The newsletter will be published the first week of April, so please contact Janice Rimler as soon as possible to ensure that all submissions can be included. Ballots will not be included in the newsletter, but names will be published to notify the membership. There are quite a few announcements because many were received after the submission deadline for the last publication. Kat will resend the updated budget to Janice in order for it to be included in the upcoming newsletter.
- b. Babies – Dani Schuller had a baby girl!. Lu sent a card to Dani to congratulate the family. Again, please forward any announcements to Janice.

2. Old Business:

- a. Pins – Will be available at the next meeting for a suggested donation, and all new Board members will receive one. It was suggested that we send pins to newly certified members in the NYC metro area. In previous years, we used to receive lists of who was newly certified in our area but that doesn't happen any longer, making the task of identifying newly certified interpreters very difficult. We also have a limited number of pins so we don't want to start a tradition we couldn't keep up.
- b. Nominations – Cathy Markland and Meri Sulcer will be printing mailing labels for ballots and we are asking for ballots to be postmarked by Friday, April 18th. Ballots will be in the mail on April 2nd with a self addressed envelope to encourage members to send back their votes. Certified and Associate members can vote, however students, supporting members and organizations are not entitled to vote. As a reminder, a student member can be on the Board, but only as Associate Representative. Additionally, the Directors At Large are 4 in total, 2 with 2 year terms, 2 with 1 year terms. Cathy will call and see what the nominees are interested in and prepare the ballots accordingly.
- c. PDC – Debbie Swaback will stay on as chair of the PDC until November 15th for Deafhood. In addition, Metro had agreed to give \$4000 towards sponsoring this event.

2. Committee Reports:

- a. Fundraiser - Maria Micioni is interested in a fundraising happy hour event. She has been in contact with the owner of several bars on the Upper West Side and he mentioned that we would just need to pick a date. The board considered the potential of a Friday Happy Hour (5pm) possibly June 13th

or June 20th. “Two hour minimum” Happy Hour was proposed as a theme for the event.

- b. Deaf Interpreter Meeting – Before the last General Meeting on March 5th, there was a ‘mini symposium’ of Deaf Interpreters to discuss issues that are arising in the field for them. Moving forward, they are interested in having a similar gathering before each Metro Meeting. The meetings are open to anyone who is interested in Deaf interpreting and would like more information. In addition to this meeting for Deaf Interpreters, a suggestion was made of having the 1.5 hour workshop after the meeting be related to Deaf /Hearing Interpreter teams. Possible presenters were suggested and Lu will contact Debbie Swamback to see if that is something that the PDC would be interested in presenting.

3. New Business:

- a. Donations – Mass RID is asking for a donation for a Deaf Interpreter Workshop Series. There are different levels where we can donate, but we need more information before we commit. Lu will research and get back to the Board.
- b. Annual Report – We will need to have information for the annual report by the end of this board’s term. Lu will send information out to get reports from committees.
- c. Region I Conference – None planned thus far perhaps because we are planning to host the National conference 2009. Presidential Conference call discussed West Virginia for 2010 as one option.
- d. Alumni Association of J 47 is celebrating their 100 year anniversary and will be publishing a program book. For ½ page it is \$85.00 Cathy made a motion that we support J47 and put in an ad congratulating J47 on their anniversary and Lu seconded. Kat will produce the flyer and send out payment.
- e. Parent Group – Celeste will do a publication within the group rather than having a brochure formally sponsored and printed. There is, however, a young Deaf woman in Celeste’s parenting group who is currently going through some tough times. The group is looking to give her a large gift that would help fund a trip for her to visit her family. The parenting group is not asking for a Metro RID donation, but for individuals to do what they can to support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17